(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had provided relaxations and concessions to these communities in respect of employment in above posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) There is generally a time gap between occurrence of vacancies and filling up thereof as recruitment is a continuous process. Some posts remain unfilled due to reasons like non-availability of requisite number of reserved category candidates, etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Reservation in *in-situ* Promotion

1755. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation is applied only in regular and ad-hoc promotion and not in *in-situ* promotion/personnel upgradation and ACP Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons as well as the major differences between ad-hoc promotion and *in-situ* promotion/personnel upgradation and ACP Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Reservation is available in case of regular as well as ad hoc promotions which are related to vacancies in the higher grades. However, under the ACP Scheme and the *in-situ* promotion scheme for non-medical scientists etc., all qualifying employees are given benefit without linking it to availability of vacancies. There is, therefore, no specific provision for reservation.

Contract Workers

1756. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that under the contract system, workers employed in Central Government offices in various capacities are not being paid the whole sum which the contractors are drawing from Treasury on their account;